

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

Health Department

To: All Brookfield Food Service Establishments Owners/Operators
From: The Brookfield Health Department

Re: Loss of Water Supply, Sewer or Septic Disposal and/or Power

Concerns regarding loss of water supply, power and/or sewer or septic disposal to Food Service Establishments, have prompted the Brookfield Department of Health to strictly enforce the following Connecticut General Statutes, as found in the State Public Health Code:

LOSS OF POWER

- The refrigerator will keep cold for about four (4) hours *if unopened*.
- A full freezer will keep the temperature for approximately forty-eight (48) hours, twenty-four (24) hours if half full, *if the door remains closed*.
- Loss of power to a Food Service Establishment (FSE) *beyond four hours* without auxiliary backup or the use of dry ice or block ice requires the disposal of all refrigerated foods. Beyond the above guidelines for frozen foods, requires the disposal of all contained frozen foods.

All food service preparation and/or sale must cease upon loss of power for greater than four (4) hours.

***See CT Public Health Code Sections 19-13-B42 (a)(10), 19-13-B42(m)(2).**

LOSS OF POTABLE WATER OR WATER PRESSURE

- Hot and cold water under pressure **MUST** be provided in all areas where food and drink is prepared, or equipment, multi-use utensils or containers are washed.
- A potable water source (of an adequate, safe and sanitary quality) whether from public systems or private wells, **MUST** be provided on a continuous basis, for sanitization purposed.
- Toilet facilities for employees **MUST** be adequate and accessible at all times.
- Hot and cold water under pressure **MUST** be provided at all hand washing sinks in food preparation areas.



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All FSE's unable to provide for these requirements must cease food and beverage preparation and/or sale immediately and resume only when these requirements in statute can be met. Interruption of the system will require that clearance water analysis after repair be submitted to the Brookfield Department of Health, before resumption of food and drink preparation and sale.

***See CT Public Health Code sections 19-13-B39, 19-13-B42 (g) and 19-13 B50**

LOSS OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL CAPABILITY

- All water-carried sewage shall be continuously disposed of by means of an intact public sewage system or an approved sewage disposal system, so constructed and operated as to be in conformance with applicable state and local laws, ordinances and regulations

Loss of Sewage Disposal capability shall constitute a reason for immediate cessation of food and drink service, preparation and/or sale of prepared food stuffs.

***See CT Public Health Code sections 19-13-B42 (f), 19-13-B103 and 19-13-B104**

CONTAMINATION BY FLOOD OR OTHER SOURCE OF POLLUTION

- All food stuffs, whether prepared or unprepared, held within sealed containers or not, if coming in contact with floodwaters or other sources of pollution i.e. dust, flies, vermin, and/or depredation and pollution by rodents, unnecessary handling, droplet infection, overhead leakage must be disposed of in a proper manner and not served to the public.

***See CT Public Health Code sections 19-13-B42 (o)(1)**



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